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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS



The trade sentiment for hens and toms is steady to fully steady with hens in the best position. Demand mixed and in a full range, best for deferred shipments. Moderate to heavy trading of packer label whole turkeys reported. Parts and meats trading light to moderate for domestic use. Offerings generally adequate for trade needs. The trade sentiment mostly steady.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand and trading light. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady. Sales centering on frozen thigh meat going to Mexico.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MARCH 09, 2000**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/					FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	64-65.5	-	-	-	75.00	1360	AUG	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-64.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64-65.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	61-63.5	-	-	-	74.00	460	AUG	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	61-62.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-63.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	64-65.5	64-65	64.67	180	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-65	65	65.00	120	-	-	-	120	MAR
WESTERN REGION 5/	64-65.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	4180	MAR-NOV
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	61-63.5	61	61.00	60	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	61-62.5	62	62.00	120	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-63.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	7216	MAR-NOV

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF MARCH 10, 2000	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	65.00	64.00	62.00 **
CENTRAL REGION	63.58	63.57	60.50 **
WESTERN REGION	64.45**	62.70**	60.00
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	61.00	61.00	61.00 **
CENTRAL REGION	61.03	61.35	60.50 **
WESTERN REGION	61.95**	59.80**	61.50 **

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	82-90
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	82-90
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	66-71
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	65-68
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	66-73

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	93-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	93-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	93-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	93-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	94-105

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS
PER POUND, WEEK OF 13-MAR-00

	(8-16#)	(16-24#)		
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>LBS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>LBS</u>
	<u>PRICE (000)</u>	<u>PRICE (000)</u>		
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	68.00	80	65.00	20
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	68.00	80	65.00	20
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

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NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 26-Feb-00
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

—YOUNG TURKEYS—				FRYER	OLD	TOTAL	TKY
THOUSAND	PW	AVG		RSTR	BREEDRS		AVG
HEAD	% CHG	WT		—THOUSAND HEAD—			WT
N EAST	833	-41	22.03	NONE	NONE	833	22.03
S ATL	1,412	180	23.41	(A)	(A)	1,421	23.42
N CENT	2,162	15	29.85	(A)	(A)	2,204	29.75
S CENT	625	6	22.75	NONE	NONE	625	22.75
WEST	320	4471	22.59	(A)	(A)	327	22.76
U.S.TOTAL	5,352(B)	11	25.67	0	58	5,410	25.67
TO DATE							
2000	36,171(B)			85	304	36,560	
TO DATE							
1999	31,759(B)			0	244	36,847	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 2,000 for the year 39,000; last year to date 134,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 26-Feb-00

	YOUNG (A)	YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	BREEDERS			
	THOUSANDS			
HEAD	5,350	2	58	5,410
AVG WT	25.67	24.00	25.40	25.67
LAST WEEK	4,399	5	2	4,406
YR AGO	4,821	23	37	4,881
AVG WT	25.20	26.74	27.38	25.23
TO-DATE/2000	36,132	39	304	36,560
TO-DATE/1999	36,469	134	244	36,847

(A) Includes 85,000 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 0,000 in 1999.

CALIFORNIA TURKEY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP 26-Feb-00

FRYER/ROASTER 0, TO DATE 24; YOUNG 320 HD, 7,228 LBS,
TO DATE 1,766 HD, 43,733 LBS; OLD 7 HD, TO DATE 36 HD;
TOTAL 327 HD, TO DATE 1,826 HD.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND
(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS
JANUARY 398,714 *
FEBRUARY 1-26, 2000 375,924 *

To date 2000 774,638 *
To date 1999 773,968 *

* PRELIMINARY

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 09 MARCH 2000.

Undertone continued mixed on tom breast meat ranging from barely steady to fully steady. Destrapped tenderloin undertone steady to firm for the fair to good demand. Offerings of destrapped tenderloins short to instances adequate, mostly short to light with instances of some noting offers not as tight when compared to previous weeks. Wing meat undertone steady. Bulk parts undertone steady to firm on drums and 2-joint wings with 2-joints the strongest, necks and full-cut wings steady at best. Demand on bulk parts fair to good on drums and 2-joint wings with exports a factor, balance light. Plant grade 10-12 lb. breasts (part load) 115 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	102.00		102.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	149.00		149.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		M	95.00	200
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	23.00-24.00		23.20	25
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	21.00		21.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	23.00-24.00		23.59	34
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	24.00		24.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	25.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	35.00		35.00	10
NECKS, TOM	15.00-16.00		15.33	60
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	172.00		172.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	182.00-187.00		184.50	80
THIGH MEAT		W	66.78	90
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	65.00		65.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT		F	72.00	65
TENDERLOINS		F	131.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	150.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		W	157.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	44.00		44.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		M	14.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	17.00		17.00	80
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	24.00-26.00		25.21	384
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	19.00	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	18.00		18.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	16.00	120
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		T	66.60	200

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins. 4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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Undertone mixed on tom breast meat ranging from barely steady to fully steady. Destrapped tenderloin undertone barely steady to fully steady, mostly steady to fully steady with some unsettledness noted. Offerings mixed. Thigh meat undertone barely steady to fully steady with some sellers more confident than others. Drum trade sentiment steady to fully steady with inquiry noted from South Korea and China. Trading light centering on fresh tom breast meat and fresh destrapped tenderloins for domestic. Export trading light on tom full-cut wings and frozen thigh meat.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	102.00	80	100.50	640
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	149.00	20	149.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		M	95.00	200	95.00	200
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	22.00-26.00		24.07	29	23.08	208
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	24.00-25.00		24.50	80	24.50	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	22.00		22.00	40	21.70	200
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	20.00-23.00		22.00	174	22.37	222
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	24.00	20	24.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	25.00	20	22.92	184
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	35.00	10	33.86	70
NECKS, TOM	15.00-16.00		15.85	94	15.42	219
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	170.00-175.00		171.67	60	171.80	100
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	178.50-183.00		181.08	260	181.48	460
THIGH MEAT	63.00		63.00	20	66.09	110
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	64.00-65.00		64.71	140	64.82	220
BREAST TRIM MEAT						
SCAPULA MEAT	72.00		72.00	40	72.00	40
TENDERLOINS		F	131.00	40		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	150.00	80		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	155.00-160.00		157.90	200	157.75	240
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	43.00-43.50		43.32	62	43.54	112
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	16.00		16.00	20	14.40	100
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	17.00		17.00	138	15.58	578
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	25.21	384	24.63	544
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	19.00-21.00		20.12	356	20.12	356
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		R	18.00	40	17.59	68
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	16.00	120	16.00	120
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	64.00-66.00		64.80	200	65.21	560

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